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(HUNTER, CARRIE JANE)

SUBJ: KIDNAPPED AMERICANS: POSSIBLE ZAIRE MILITARY ACTION

REF: A) BUJUMBURA 020 JUNE 23 AND B) KINSHASA 5575

1. TWO PLANES ARRIVED KIGOMA ABOUT 1600 AND 1700 HOURS LOCAL
RESPECTIVELY JUNE 23. DELAY DUE BAD WEATHER. PRP REPS GENERAL
NONDO AND LT. KATCHOKA DEMANDED SCENARIO FOR EXCHANGE BE ALTERED.
AFTER DISCUSSION NEW SCENARIO AGREED UPON. NONDO AND KATCHOKA
THEN REFUSED ADAMANTLY TO MAKE CROSSING IN DARKNESS. THEY FEAR
BEING FIRED ON BY PRP GUARDS. DESPITE URGING BY MESSRS. HUNTER,
HAMBURG AND BRYCESON PRP REPS WOULD NOT RPT NOT CHANGE MIND.
THEY NOW PROMISE TO LEAVE KIGOMA 0500 HOURS JUNE 24.

2. RECEIPT REF B ENCOURAGED US TO BELIEVE DELAY DEPARTURE MISSION
UNTIL EARLY MORNING JUNE 24 REASONABLE RISK AND, IN ANY EVENT,
ONE WE WOULD HAVE TO ACCEPT. RECEIPT SHORTLY THEREAFTER OF REF
A, HOWEVER, HAS GIVEN US PAUSE.
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